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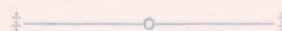
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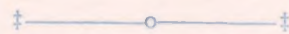
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Greetings

As president of the Akron Liedertafel and general chairman of our 100th Anniversary celebration I bring to all of you a hearty welcome from the entire Liedertafel.

I am deeply grateful to have had the opportunity to direct the Akron Liedertafel in the extensive planning leading to this splendid celebration of the 100th Anniversary of its founding.

The success of this undertaking has been assured by the complete cooperation of our many members working on committees, who were willing to devote their time and efforts so that the Liedertafel Jubilee would be one of great importance in the Akron community.

Our last few years have been a period of constant planning. Our experience of past jubilee celebrations and the problems of the future have been moulded together into a comprehensive program culminating in this Centennial celebration.

This planning has not been made by the present committees alone, but by men and women who have a background of experience in our club's activities and who worked together in harmony with this one goal in view—A FITTING TRIBUTE AT THIS MILESTONE IN OUR MUSICAL HISTORY.

Our invitation to all of you to help us in this celebration and your generous response has been because of your undying, basic love of music and companionship.

To all who have had a part in making our Centennial celebration a success—may I on behalf of the Akron Liedertafel express my thanks for your generous efforts. We are happy to have so many friends.

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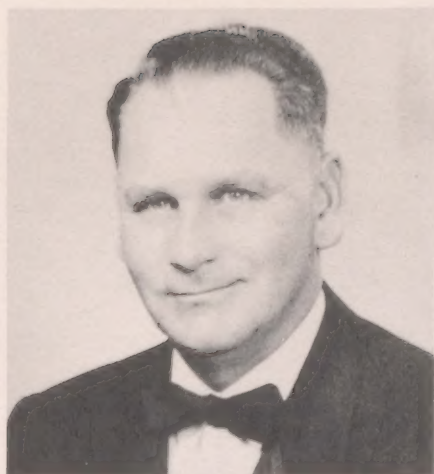
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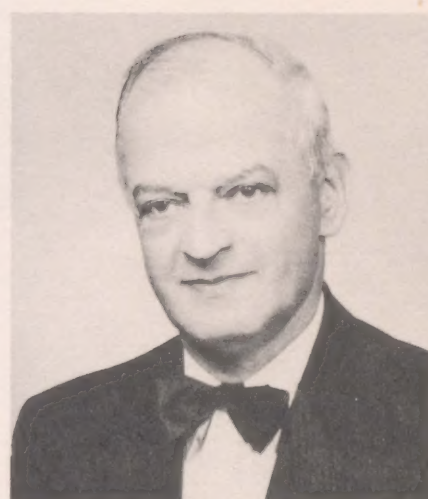
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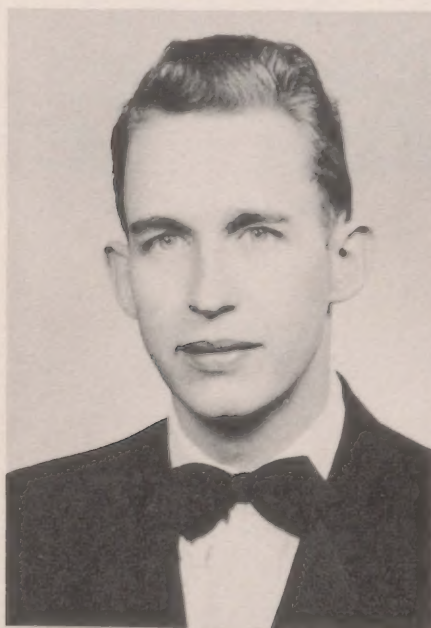
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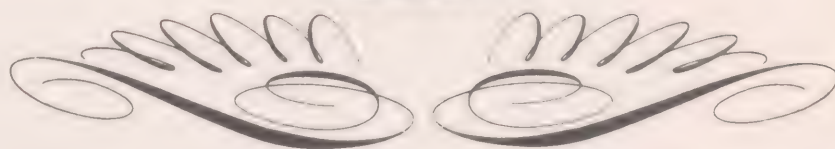
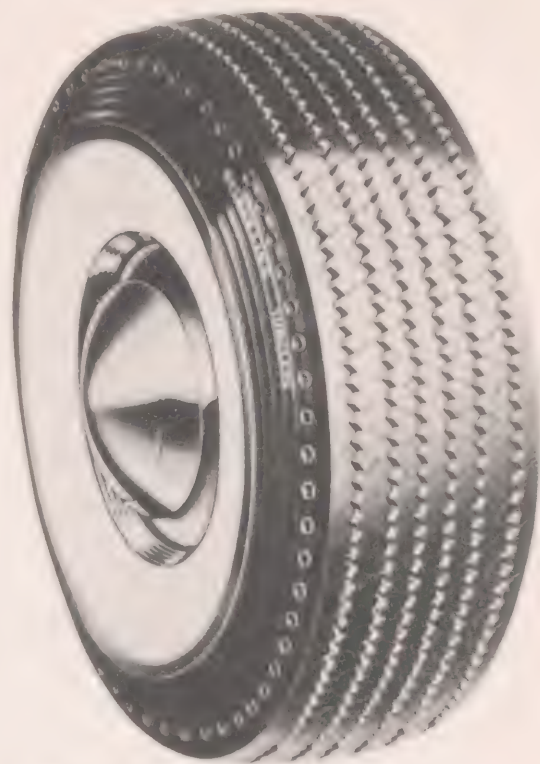
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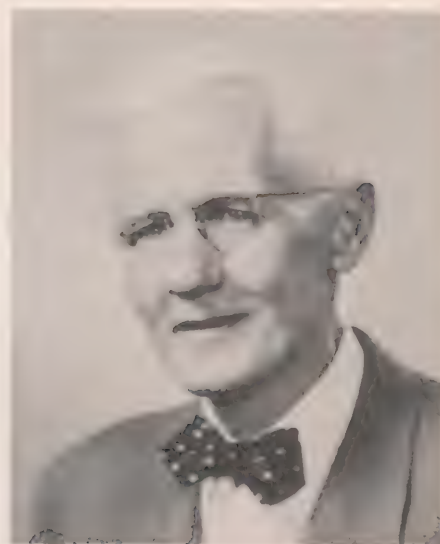
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HISTORY OF THE AKRON LIEDERTAFEL

It was a bitter cold night on February 3, 1855, when thirteen men gathered together at the home of D. Umstaetter on West Market Street and organized the Akron Liedertafel. Those present were Karl Fischer, Wm. Carl, John Guth, W. Woehler, Bernhard Kolbe, G. Weibezahn, Wm. Fischer, Karl Kolbe, D. Umstaetter, C. Schmidt, Henry Sporleder, A. Rippin and Henry Fischer. These men must not have been superstitious, as they were undaunted by the number thirteen; they proceeded to elect their officers. They next rented a room adjoining the Arlington Hotel, where they had their rehearsals under the direction of Prof. Wm. Carl for the two following years.

Union Hall, at the corner of East Market and Howard Streets, above Byrider's, was their next meeting place. By this time the membership had reached twenty-three singers.

Records of the organization up to 1861 have been lost, and details of their activities are meager. However, it is known that the members attended a Saengerfest in Pittsburgh in 1858, and in Buffalo in 1860.

In the Spring of 1861 when the Civil War broke out, Prof. Kolbe, Richard Feederle and George Billow enlisted and fought for the Union cause.

In 1867 Director Wm. Carl resigned. Also a lot at the corner of Main and Church Streets was purchased for a hall. A banquet was held in honor of Messrs. Feederle, Fink and Feuchter, active members, who were to make a trip to Europe.

1869 — The organization moved to Phoenix Hall, on South Howard Street, which was the largest hall in the city at that time.

1870 — Prof. F. Prass was elected Director. Karl Fischer was elected President.

1871 — C. W. Bonstedt was elected President. Direc-

tor Prass handed in his resignation, due to ill health.

1872 — Prof. Gustave Sigel, of Milwaukee, was elected Director. Prof. Sigel was very popular, and under his direction the membership rapidly increased. The Society attained great prestige in the concerts they gave.

1873 — Charles Fischer was elected President.

1874 — L. Poehlman was elected President. The Society attended the Saengerfest in Cleveland.

1875 — Richard Feederle was elected President. Soon after this he lost his life while returning from a trip to Germany. The steamship Schiller, on which he was a passenger, sank in mid-ocean.

1878 — The first Saengerfest of the newly organized Central Ohio Singers District was held in Columbus. The Liedertafel attended and were accorded honors.

1880 — Silver Jubilee of the organization was celebrated by a concert in the Academy of Music, with a banquet and ball in the Phoenix Hall. The Saengerfest of the Central Ohio District was held in Akron this year.

1882 — John Kreuder was elected President. The Saengerfest was held in Dayton.

1884 — In this year John Kreuder was re-elected President. Prof. Wm. Carl, first Director of the Liedertafel, died in Dayton. The Saengerfest was held in Springfield.

1885 — Henry Feuchter was elected President. The organization moved to Ayliffe Hall on Mill Street, which had just been completed. They celebrated their 30th Anniversary with a banquet and concert.

1887 — The Liedertafel attended the Saengerfest in Columbus.

1888 — The Ladies' Auxiliary was organized.

1890 — The Saengerfest was held in Canton.

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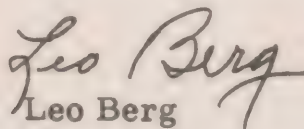
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The Akron Liedertafel
147 East Exchange Street
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From the people of Akron, I am happy to bring to the Officers and Members of the Akron Liedertafel our best wishes and Congratulations upon your 100th Anniversary. We in Akron are particularly grateful for the contribution made by the Akron Liedertafel to the cultural and family life of our City.

The fact that you have grown and prospered is assurance that you are successfully meeting a vital need in our community life. We share your pride in looking back upon 100 years of outstanding service to your community and its people and we look forward with you to your continuing success in the years ahead.

With best wishes,


Leo Berg
Mayor

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HISTORY OF THE AKRON LIEDERTAFEL—Continued

1891 — Charles Parisette was elected President.

1892 — Mrs. Lena Dick, President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, presented the Society with a beautiful banner. Messrs. Charles Dick and Charles Parisette were the speakers.

1893 — Louis Laumann was elected President. Saengerfest held in Cleveland.

1894 — Chris Grad elected President. Saengerfest held in Toledo.

1895 — The 40th Anniversary was celebrated with concert and banquet.

1896 — Louis Seybold was elected President. The Saengerfest was held in Chillicothe and Akron was selected as the next city for the Saengerfest.

1897 — The 25th Anniversary of Directorship of Prof. Sigel was celebrated. A Schubert celebration was also held.

1899 — The members attended a Saengerfest in Cincinnati, being the Golden Jubilee of the North American Saengerbund. Henry Schreiner elected President.

1900 — Louis Laumann elected President.

1901 — The Saengerfest was held in Buffalo.

1902 — Julius Kroffke elected President. A trip was made to Cedar Point, and arrangements made to hold the Saengerfest in Akron in 1904, at which time it was hoped the new hall would be completed.

1904 — The completion of the German Hall, later known as the Music Hall, at the corner of East Exchange and High Streets. The Saengerfest held at Akron. Moved into Kaiser Hall on South Main Street this year.

1905 — Arthur Holm elected President. The Golden Jubilee was celebrated. This was a gala occasion in musical circles. Three of the founders of the organization were present. Twenty singing societies participated.

1906 — The Saengerfest was held in Wheeling.

1907 — The 52nd Anniversary celebrated with a concert.

1908 — The Saengerfest held in Canton.

1909 — Wm. Freudemann elected President. A play given at Turner Hall. A fall concert was given in the German Hall.

1910 — The 55th Anniversary was celebrated by a concert in the German Hall. The property on which the present hall is located was purchased. The Liedertafel was incorporated in 1910, by Wm. H. Kroeger, as an organization not for profit.

1911 — The 56th Anniversary was celebrated with a banquet. Charles Parisette, a former President, passed away this year. A fall concert was given at the German Hall, with Mrs. Hoffman Huss as soloist.

1912 — The first carnival was given this year under the direction of Otto Schubert, a new arrival in the city from New York. The 40th Anniversary of Director Sigel was celebrated with a concert. The officers of the North American and Central Ohio Saengerbund were present. Organization moved to German Hall.

1913 — A. C. Schuster elected President. A second carnival was given with great success. Organization attended the 50th Anniversary of the Cleveland Germania. They commenced the construction of a new hall on the recently purchased lot. President Schuster took an active part in attending to this construction. Society participated in the Golden Jubilee of the Youngstown Maennerchor.

1914 — Moved into the new hall, and dedication was observed with a banquet. A committee was appointed to make arrangements for the Saengerfest which was to be held in Akron the next year.

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HISTORY OF THE AKRON LIEDERTAFEL—Continued

1915 — John Kraker was elected President, which position he has occupied up to 1935. A large celebration held in observance of the 60th Anniversary of the Society. A concert was held in the German Hall, and the Tuesday Musical Club participated; also Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Eichelberger. William Freudemann, H. Feuchter and George Billow were made honorary members. Due to the outbreak of the war, the Saengerfest was postponed for an indefinite period.

1916 — 61st Anniversary observed with a concert and banquet. The Canton Arion attended. The organization participated in a Shakespeare program. Held a fall concert.

1917 — Carnival held on the 62nd Anniversary, with Otto Schubert as Karneval-Praesident. May concert given at the hall. Attended the Fourth of July celebration of community singing. Fall concert held in December.

1918 — Observed the 63rd Anniversary. Mrs. Al Schuster presented a service flag in honor of the members who enlisted in the World War. A concert was given for the benefit of the Red Cross.

1919 — The 64th Anniversary celebrated by a carnival. George Schaefer and H. Fischer elected honorary members. Society participated in the 25th Anniversary of the Canton Arion. A committee to raise funds to assist the needy of Germany and Austria was appointed. The returning soldier members were welcomed with a banquet.

1920 — A spring concert was held in April, and in October the Cleveland Heights Maennerchor assisted in a fall concert.

1921 — The 66th Anniversary was observed. Martin Beck, the oldest member of the society, died. Prof. N. J. Herman was elected Assistant Director. A double quar-

tette was sent to Erie to assist in their 50th Anniversary. The building of a new hall was being discussed. The operetta "Gypsy Baron" was staged under the direction of N. J. Herman.

1922 — A double celebration was held, being the 67th Anniversary of the Society and the Golden Jubilee of Prof. Gustave Sigel. This occurred at the Akron Armory in February.

President Warren G. Harding, Governor Davis of Ohio, Madame Schumann-Heink, and the Berliner Liedertafel, of Berlin, sent congratulations to Prof. Sigel. There were numerous other congratulations and he was the recipient of many valuable presents, both from the Liedertafel and other societies. The Saengerfest was scheduled to be held at Akron, June 23 to 25, 1925. The operetta, "Gypsy Baron," was given at the Hanna Theatre in Cleveland, and also in Canton, with great success. Prof. Sigel was elected Honorary Director and Prof. N. J. Herman was elected Active Director. Prof. Herman was also selected as Director for the Saengerfest to be held the next year.

After successful performances of the Operetta, "The Gypsy Baron," in various cities, the Liedertafel organized the Ladies' Chorus in January, 1922. Miss Marie Wehner took the leading part in this performance and was elected the first president.

1923 — The 68th Anniversary was celebrated with a banquet. A bazaar was held to raise funds to cover the expenses of the Saengerfest. Two concerts were given by the South German Maennerchor under the auspices of the Liedertafel. The Saengerfest of the Central Ohio District, at which the Liedertafel was host, was a success both musically and socially. Arthur Holm, a member of many years' standing, who was always active in the affairs of the Society, passed away.

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1924 — The organization attended the 60th Anniversary of the Cleveland Harmonie. The Liedertafel Home Company was organized to finance a larger hall, and Wm. H. Kroeger was elected president of the new company. He was also elected chairman of the building committee, and was active in the construction of the present hall. The Liedertafel joined other organizations throughout the city to raise funds for the needy of Central Europe. A concert was given in April, with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. The Society members attended the Chicago Saengerfest, which was also the Diamond Jubilee of the North American Saengerbund. John Kraker, President of the Liedertafel, was elected one of the trustees of the Saengerbund. The Golden Jubilee of Wm. Freudemann as a singer was celebrated. The crew that piloted the Zepelin, now the Los Angeles, from Germany, were given a banquet at the hall. The Liedertafel chorus sang at the annual banquet of the Chamber of Commerce at the Armory, at which banquet Charles Schwab was the principal speaker.

1925 — The 70th Anniversary was observed at the Armory with a concert. Wm. Ruthenberg and Julius Kroffke were elected honorary members. Mrs. Frank Pfahl, daughter of Wm. Fischer, one of the honorary members, made a donation to the building fund in honor of her father. The cornerstone laying of the new hall was observed in April of this year. John Kraker, President of the Liedertafel, and Wm. H. Kroeger, President of the Home Company, acted as masters of ceremony. During the building of the new hall meetings and rehearsals were held in Turner Hall. The Society participated in the celebration of the Centennial held in Akron this year. The new Liedertafel Hall was dedicated in September.

1926 — Wm. Freudemann, honorary member and ex-President, passed away. The 71st Anniversary was celebrated with a concert. A carnival was held in February. In April an operetta, "Vogelhaendler," under the direction of Prof. N. J. Herman, was given. John Kraker and Marie Wehner had the leads, assisted by several other members and the entire chorus. This operetta was also given by them in Detroit, Cleveland and Canton. The entire troupe was lauded in all these cities for their wonderful performance. The singers participated in the dedication of the Cleveland Harmonie.

Madame Schumann-Heinck, who had sung at the Akron Armory, was serenaded at the Portage Hotel by singers of the Liedertafel. She was delighted and expressed the hope that she might also join them when they celebrated their Diamond Jubilee in 1930.

1927 — The Sport Club was organized for the purpose of getting the younger people together. The object was to promote soccer ball and basketball games, as well as other sports, and to stage amateur theatricals. Saengerfest held in Cleveland.

1928 — The Ladies' Auxiliary, Mrs. A. Wegmiller, President, presented the Society with \$500.00 on the 73rd Anniversary. A concert was given in April by the members, assisted by many singers from Canton and Cleveland. "Der Keusche Lebemann," a comedy, was given by the Sports Club, with such great success that a second performance was requested. This play was under the able direction of William Lindner and Ernest Dirrig. The Ladies' organization were entertained at a banquet. The members attended the Saengerfest at Canton. A farewell party was given to several members, including President Kraker, who were leaving for Europe for an extended tour, during which

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they were to attend the International Saengerfest in Vienna. A farewell poem, extending best wishes to them, was written by John Lauck. A mixed choir attended a concert of the Swiss Maennerchor in Cleveland. A quartette was sent to Columbus to attend the 80th Anniversary of the Maennerchor.

1929 — Otto Schubert died this year and the carnival, of which he was the originator in this city, was given in February, with Gus Clemens as Karneval-Praesident. This year also marked the passing of Prof. Gustave Sigel, well beloved Director for over half a century. He had often expressed the desire that he might live to help celebrate the Diamond Jubilee of the organization. His death is deeply regretted by the entire organization. A committee was appointed to arrange for the Diamond Jubilee, which was to be celebrated February 1 to 3, 1930. The publication of a monthly newspaper was started.

The Society gained several prominent members through the Goodyear Zeppelin Company engaging German engineers and bringing them to this country when they purchased Zeppelin rights from the Zeppelin Corporation at Friedrichshafen, Germany. Since that time The Goodyear Zeppelin Company have secured a contract from the United States Government for the building of the world's largest airship. A hangar, the largest in the world, has been constructed on Akron's Municipal Airport, where the first ship is under construction.

During the later part of 1929 the Ladies' Auxiliary, of which Mrs. Anna Grimm is President, presented the Society with a beautiful silk flag for the 75th Anniversary. Mrs. Elsa Gruner delivered the presentation speech.

1930 — John Kraker was re-elected President of the Liedertafel for the sixteenth consecutive year. The 75th Anniversary of the organization was celebrated February 1, 2 and 3. At the Grand Concert at the Akron Armory, February 1, the late Madame Ernestine Schumann-Heink was guest soloist. The mass chorus consisted of singers from every member organization of the Central Ohio Saenger Bezirk. The following day the festival banquet was held at Armory with the Hon. Myers Y. Cooper, Governor of Ohio, as guest of honor. February 3, the festivities closed with a grand ball at the Liedertafel auditorium. In July the Liedertafel purchased 20 acres of woodland and transformed it into what is now known as the Liedertafel Park.

1931 — January 12th the Liedertafel sponsored Richard Wagner's immortal opera, "Die Walkuere" at the Goodyear Theater to a capacity audience. John Kraker was re-elected President. In June all active Saengers participated at the Saengerfest of the Central Ohio Saengerbezirk at Columbus, Ohio. In August the dance pavilion was dedicated at the Liedertafel Park.

1932 — John Kraker was again re-elected President of the Liedertafel. Mr. Louis Schwarz and Alfred Wegmueller, two veteran and beloved Saengers of the Liedertafel, passed away. Fred Nuetzel, President of the North American Saengerbund, attended the anniversary festival.

1933 — Akron and the Liedertafel was host to the bi-annual Saengerfest of the Central Ohio Saengerbezirk. The concerts were held at the Armory. A colorful all-day outing at the Liedertafel Park closed the festivities. John Kraker was re-elected President.

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1934 — The members of the Liedertafel re-elected John Kraker as their President for the 20th consecutive year. All active members participated at the National Saengerfest of the North American Saengerbund at St. Louis, Mo. John Kraker was elected treasurer of that organization. The Saengers of the Liedertafel attended the 65th anniversary of the Beethoven Singing Society at Wheeling, W. Va. In July the 80th anniversary committee started preparations for next year's anniversary.

1935 — John Kraker declined the nomination for President of the Liedertafel. Paul Werab was elected. John Kraker was named Honorary President for his devotion and loyalty to the Liedertafel. The 80th anniversary was a three-day festival; the first day a banquet at the Liedertafel auditorium, concert at the Armory the second day, and a grand ball at the Liedertafel on the third day. The interior of the building was remodeled, thereby transferring the club room upstairs and reserving the lower club room for outside organizations.

1936 — Philip Kroeger was elected President. The Liedertafel presented the charming operetta, "The Gypsy Baron," at the Central High School auditorium.

1937 — Andy Kobetits was elected President. January 31st, the Liedertafel observed its 82nd anniversary. April 11th the ladies' chorus of the Liedertafel presented a musical fairy tale, "Frau Holle," in connection with their 15th anniversary. June 12th and 13th the Liedertafel singers participated at the bi-annual Saengerfest of the Central Ohio Saengerbezirk at Youngstown. John Kraker was elected President of the Central Ohio organization.

1938 — The Liedertafel participated at the National

Saengerfest of the North American Saengerfest in Chicago. Andy Kobetits was re-elected President of the Liedertafel. A most unusual celebration was held October 23rd, the burning of the mortgage. To honor their 60 years of membership, the Liedertafel staged a splendid birthday party for Hermann "Papa" Fischer and George Schaefer.

1939 — Andy Kobetits was re-elected President of the Liedertafel. In May every member of the Liedertafel was invited to a banquet, staged in honor of John Kraker's 60th birthday. In June members attended the 65th anniversary of the Beethoven Singing Society at Wheeling, W. Va., and again in November the 85th anniversary of the Teutonia Singing Society in Pittsburgh. President Andy Kobetits selected the festival committee for the 85th anniversary of the Liedertafel. It was decided to stage this anniversary in the form of a Saengerfest. In September the male chorus lost its most valuable and beloved member, Hermann "Papa" Fischer. Mr. Fischer was an active member of the Liedertafel for over 60 years.

1940 — Andy Kobetits was re-elected President for the fourth consecutive year. A banquet, February 4th, at the Liedertafel auditorium, marked the 85th anniversary of the Liedertafel. This was merely a preliminary of the great 85th anniversary festival. As in previous years, veteran members were presented with honorary membership cards.

1941 — Andy Kobetits, President. The anniversary was celebrated on February 2 with a banquet and musical program. The Carnival was held on February 22. The Spring Concert was held on April 27. The singers made a trip to Erie, Pa. The chorus attended the banquet of the Youngstown Maennerchor on July 20. Halloween was celebrated with a dance

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at which Otto Thurn's orchestra played. The Ladies' Auxiliary celebrated its 35th Anniversary on October 11. The Ladies' Chorus presented a show called the "Black and White Parade" on November 8.

1942 — William H. Kroeger was elected President. The anniversary was celebrated on February 1. The Carnival was presented on February 14 and at a special meeting it was decided that the proceeds be used for the benefit of the Red Cross, and the Liedertafel purchased a station wagon which was very urgently needed by that organization of mercy. The 20th Anniversary of the Ladies' Chorus was celebrated with a banquet on April 20. The first banquet given by the Liedertafel in honor of the mothers of the organization was held on Mothers' Day, May 10.

1943 — William H. Kroeger was re-elected President. The Carnival was presented March 6 and the proceeds were given to the Shaw Sanitarium. The 88th Anniversary was celebrated with a banquet on January 31. The second Mothers' Day banquet was held on May 9. The singers attended the 70th Anniversary of the Heights Maennerchor in Cleveland in May. The fall concert was given on December 5. A show was presented by the Ladies' Chorus on December 11.

1944 — William H. Kroeger was re-elected President. The 89th Anniversary was celebrated with a banquet and musical program on February 6. The Carnival was presented February 19 for the benefit of members and sons and daughters of members in the service. Christmas packages costing more than one thousand dollars were sent to all such persons in the service. The Spring Concert was presented on April 23. Members of both choruses attended the 15th Anniversary of the Rheingold of Detroit on April 29.

Mothers' Day was celebrated with a banquet and musical program on May 14.

A delegation attended the 75th Anniversary of the Beethoven Society of Wheeling, West Virginia, on July 4. Both choruses attended the 50th Anniversary of the Canton Arion at their park in Louisville, Ohio. The Fall Concert was held in November. On December 10 both choruses went to Pittsburgh to honor the Teutonia Maennerchor of that city in putting on a concert in connection with the 90th Anniversary.

Deaths: Al Schuster, one of our oldest members; Jake Abenshine, J. A. "Tony" Rohner.

1945 — William H. Kroeger was re-elected President. Great plans were made in connection with the celebration of the 90th Anniversary. However, due to the war such plans had to be curtailed. A banquet and musical program was given on February 4. In connection with the 90th Anniversary, all honorary members were given a banquet on February 18. In connection with the 90th Anniversary, the singing organizations of Akron were given a banquet on March 22. Mothers' Day was again celebrated with a banquet and musical program on May 13. The Spring Concert was presented on June 3. During this year the Society lost several well-known members, including John Lauck, ex-Senator Chas. Dick, Ernest Granacher, Walter Gruner and Andrew Buehrle. Both choruses assisted in the celebration of the 60th Anniversary of the Schwabischer Maennerchor of Cleveland on September 2.

1945 — Participated in the 60th Anniversary celebration of the Schwaebischer Maennerchor in Cleveland on September 2. This was the year of our 90th Anniversary which was celebrated with the banquet

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HISTORY OF THE AKRON LIEDERTAFEL—Continued

in February and with a Gala Concert and Celebration on October 13 and 14.

1946 — President Wm. H. Kroeger. 91st Anniversary celebrated with banquet and musical program on February 3. Participated in 50th Anniversary celebration of the Cleveland East Side Turners. Gave two concerts and a Mothers' Day banquet. Also gave the Ladies' Auxiliary a banquet to honor their 40th year on October 20.

1947 — Wm. H. Kroeger, president. 92nd Anniversary celebrated with banquet and concert on February 2. Gave a Karneval on March 22, Mothers' Day banquet on May 11 and participated in the Bezirk's Saengerfest in Cleveland on June 7 and 8. Gave two concerts and other events were celebrated. Celebrated the 25th Anniversary of the Ladies' Chorus.

1948 — President, Wm. H. Kroeger. 93rd Anniversary celebrated with banquet and musical program on February 1. Karneval March 13 and Mothers' Day banquet on May 9. Male Chorus traveled to Columbus to help Columbus Maennerchor celebrate 100th Anniversary. Gave two concerts for the members, as usual.

1949 — Wm. H. Kroeger, president. 94th Anniversary banquet Sunday, February 6. Carnival February 26, big success. Concert given in spring and in fall. Participated in 100th anniversary celebration of North American Singers Union in Chicago in June and also in Wheeling, W. Virginia's 80th Jubilee of Beethoven Society. In October gave a concert in Pittsburgh Carnegie Hall, North Side, to help Teutonia Maennerchor celebrate 95th anniversary.

1950 — Wm. H. Kroeger, president. 95th anniversary celebrated with gala concert at the Akron Armory on July 1st. On July 2nd and 3rd a banquet for all participating societies was held at the auditorium.

Fall concert was presented on December 3rd.

1951 — Honorary president John Kraker elected president. On February 3rd the society lost our Honorary president and president John Kraker. Vice President William A. Magerkurth elected president. Karneval was given on March 31st. Spring Concert was held on June 2nd.

1952 — William A. Magerkurth re-elected president. Ninety-seventh Anniversary celebrated with a banquet and musical program. Spring concert was given on April 19th. A Mothers' Day banquet was held. Both choruses participated at the National Singerfest at Cincinnati. The fall concert was held in the new decorated auditorium.

1953 — Robert Schuster elected president. Ninety-eighth Anniversary was celebrated with a banquet and musical program. The Karneval was a success. Also gave two concerts. The society lost during the year several well known members: Martin Borovitz, Gottlieb Zimmerly, Eugene Schoettel, Ivan Albrecht and Sam Fraine.

1954 — Robert Schuster re-elected president. Ninety-ninth Anniversary celebrated with a banquet and musical program. The Karneval was very good. Gave two concerts. Both choruses went to Pittsburgh to help the Teutonia Maennerchor celebrate their 100th Anniversary. The society lost two of their oldest members: Henry Kroeger and William "Bill" Lindner.

1955 to date — Robert Schuster re-elected president. Professor N. J. Herman retired after completing thirty-five years of directing the Male Chorus and the Ladies Chorus since its beginning thirty-two years ago. Professor N. J. Herman was elected Director Emeritus.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - 8:15 P.M.

Festival Music Director and Honorary Director of the Akron Liedertafel—N. J. Herman
Charles S. Kidder, Musical Director
Marilyn Weaver and Lois Hunsicker, Accompanists

- 1) Star Spangled Banner.....Marie Wehner and Audience
- 2) Overture "Prometheus".....L van Beethoven
Orchestra—N. J. Herman, Conductor
- Address of Welcome.....Robert Schuster, President, Akron Liedertafel
- 3) (a) SaengerswahlspruchFr Balluff
(b) Junge Lieb' und Junger Wein.....Gottfried Angerer
Male Chorus, Akron Liedertafel—Chas. S. Kidder, Conductor
- 4) Military March.....Franz Schubert
Ladies Chorus, Akron Liedertafel—Chas. S. Kidder, Conductor
- 5) Aufforderung zum Tanz.....Carl Maria von Weber
Mixed Chorus, Akron Liedertafel—N. J. Herman, Conductor
Caroline Gfrer - Wm. A. Goebel, Soloists
- 6) (a) Die Heimat
(b) Waldesrauschen
Columbus Maennerchor—J. A. Leinheuser, Conductor
- 7) Selection
Teutonia Maennerchor, Pittsburgh, Pa.—G. Logan McElvany, Conductor
- 8) Selection
Schwaebischer Saengerbund, Cleveland, Ohio—Emil Straub, Conductor
- 9) Der Froehliche Wanderer.....Wilhelm Moeller
Youngstown Maennerchor, Youngstown, Ohio—N. J. Herman, Conductor
- 10) (a) Der SchifferSchubert
(b) An die Musik.....Schubert
(c) Zur Johannesnacht.....Grieg
Phillip MacGregor, Bass-Baritone Dorothy Van Sickle, Piano Accompanist
- 11) Military Marching Song.....Sigmund Romberg
Orchestra—N. J. Herman, Conductor
- Introduction of Guests
- 12) (a) Harmonie
(b) Die Ehre Gottes.....L van Beethoven
(c) Treue LiebeFr Kuecken
(d) Roeschen am Rhein.....E. Hussmann
(e) Niederlaendisches DankgebetKremser
Mass Male Chorus—N. J. Herman, Conductor—Lois Hunsicker at the Organ
- 13) (a) Der Jaeger Abschied.....Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy
(b) Will You Remember.....Sigmund Romberg
Mass Ladies Chorus—N. J. Herman, Conductor
- 14) Die Allmacht.....Franz Schubert
Mass Mixed Chorus—N. J. Herman, Conductor Soloist—Marie Wehner
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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - 2:00 P.M.

Welcome Robert Schuster, President, Akron Liedertafel
Selection Columbus Maennerchor
J. A. Leinheuser, Conductor

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J. Meck, Conductor

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Schwaebischer Saengerbund, Cleveland, Ohio
Emil Straub, Conductor

Martha Arranged by J. S. Zeimenick
Youngstown Maennerchor—N. J. Herman, Conductor

An die Heimat Hugo Juengst
Akron Maennerchor—Emil Straub, Conductor

A) Ich warte Dein G. Ad. Uthman
Male Chorus

B) Der Lindenbaum Fr Schubert
N. J. Herman, Conductor

Selection
Bayerischer Maennerchor, Cleveland, Ohio

Selection
Teutonia Maennerchor, Pittsburgh, Pa.
G. Logan McElvany, Conductor

Selection
Newark, Ohio—Leo Reichert, Conductor

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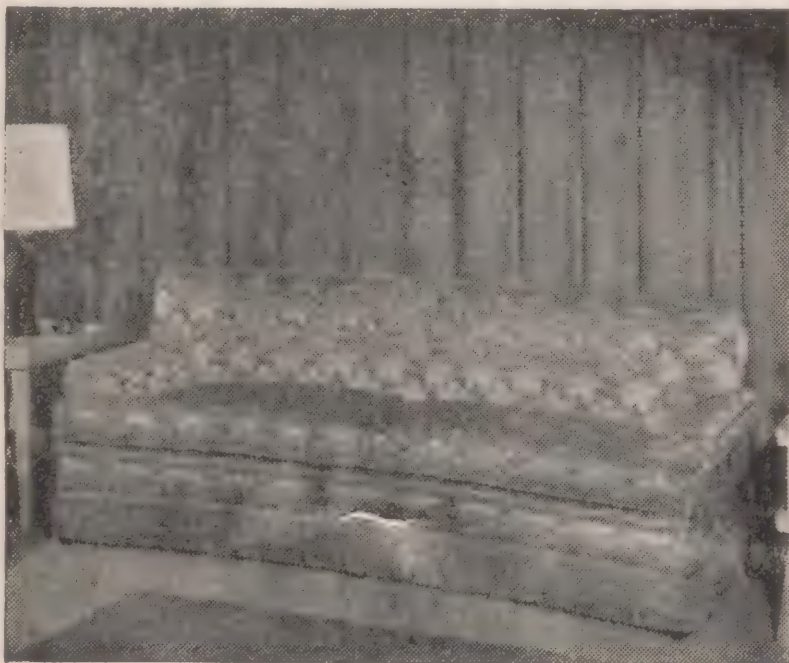
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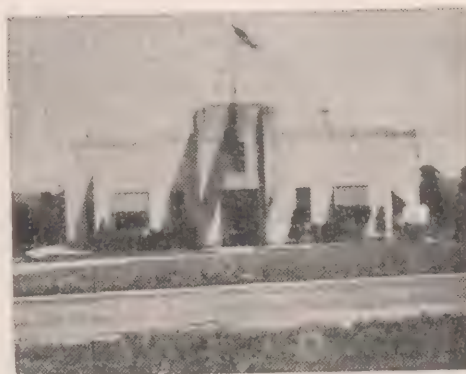
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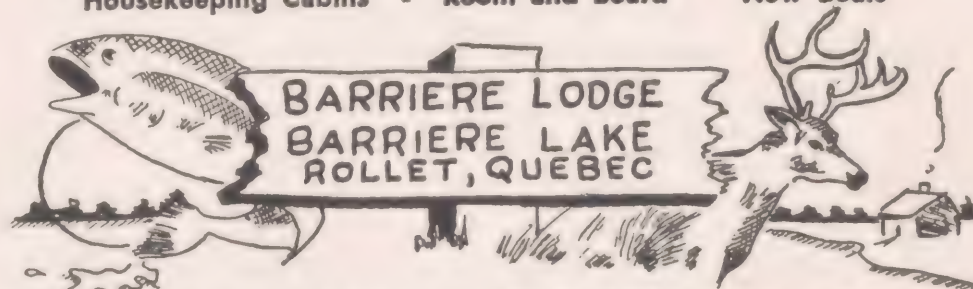
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*Ein kleines Haeuflein war's von Heimat-Soehnen
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